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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING CLEARANCE FOR MONTENEGRIN ATTENDEES
AT TWO UPOCOMING GEORGE C. MARSHALL CENTER EVENTS

1. (U) This cable responds to the guidance request in reftel for the following individuals to participate at the Manpower Management Workshop to be held September 22-24, 2008 in Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina, and at the Program on Advanced Security Studies to be held in a USCG Boarding Officer Course to be conducted at the Port of Bar, Montenegro from 22-26 September.

2. (SBU) The Department of State has vetted the following individuals listed in reftel and as of September 12, 2008 possesses no credible derogatory information.

Manpower Management Workshop Participants:

(1) NAME: Nikola Erakovic
DOB: 05/31/1977
GENDER: Male
TITLE: Officer in Finance Sector, General Staff of Armed Forces of Montenegro
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense
NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

(2) NAME: Dejan Stankovic
DOB: 07/19/1975
GENDER: Male
TITLE: Senior Advisor, Defense Policy Section
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense
NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

(3) NAME: Dragan Brinic
DOB: 06/11/1966
GENDER: Male
TITLE: Senior Advisor, Defense Policy Section
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense
NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

Program on Advanced Security Studies Participant

(1) NAME: Predrag Lakusic
DOB: 05/09/1974
GENDER: Male
TITLE: Officer, Criminal Police Department
ORGANIZATION: Police Directorate of Montenegro
NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

4. (SBU) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with

training. Post should refer to the Leahy vetting guidance manual for additional assistance.
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